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ASSISTANCE FOR THE OPERATIONS COORDINATING BOARD

AGREEMENT Among the Department of State, the Department of Defense, the Foreign Operations Administration and the Central Intelligence Agency

This agreement is entered into pursuant to Section 3 of Executive Order 10483, dated September 2, 1953, establishing the Operations Coordinating Board, to provide assistance to said Board as may be necessary for the purpose of effectuating Executive Order 10483.

- 1. The Departments of State and Defense, the Foreign Operations Administration, and the Central Intelligence Agency each agree to furnish assistance in the form of the advances of funds or contributions of personnel or administrative services to support the work of the Operations Coordinating Board, in accordance with this agreement and as may be mutually agreed to from time to time and subject to the availability of funds for this purpose.
- 2. The Executive Officer shall prepare an annual estimate of financial and other requirements necessary to effectuate the work of the Board. The Board will review this estimate and the members of the Board shall each approve for their respective agencies the amount of funds and other support to be reserved for the assistance of the Board subject to the concurrence of the Director of the Budget and the availability of funds for this purpose. Final distribution of the costs of providing assistance to the Board shall take place at the end of each fiscal year and any advanced funds remaining unobligated at that time shall be returned to the member agencies in the same pro-rate distribution as governed the providing of funds and services. The Executive Officer shall report to the Board on each year's financial operations.
- 3. The Department of State agrees to provide full administrative support for the Board and the staff of the Board, including but not restricted to services in connection with personnel administration; physical and personnel security; budgetary and

financial administration; procurement of supplies and material; travel; property; communications; mail and records, and library services. Full-time permanent personnel on the staff of the Board will normally be appointed in and paid by the Department of State from funds contributed by the serveral member agenies in accordance with paragraph 1 above and deposited with the Department of State for accounting and disbursal. However, at the request of the Executive Officer, personnel appointed in and paid by any of the other member agencies may be assigned to the Board's work when it is in the best interests of the Board. Also, the Executive Officer may obtain other administrative services from any of the other member agencies when it is mutually agreed between the Executive Officer and the agency concerned.

- 4. The assistance provided in the form of appropriated funds shall be available for expenditure for the support of the Operations Coordinating Board in accordance with the authorities and regulations of the Department of State.
- 5. Expenditures for or contributions of personnel or other administrative support on behalf of the Board shall be offset against the agreed pro-rate annual contribution of the agency making the expenditure or constribution or shall be reimbursed from the funds contributed for the support of the Board, whichever is more convenient administratively.
- 6. Upon the abolition of the Psychological Strategy Board, the space, equipment, records, and property made available by the serveral member agencies of the Psychological Strategy Board are made available to the Operations Coordinating Board. Any property as may not be needed by the Operations Coordinating Board shall be returned by the Executive Officer to the Department of State for disposal under applicable statutes. Outstanding contracts entered into by the Department of State for the provisions of services to the Psychological Strategy Board shall be reviewed by the Executive Officer and either retained on behalf of the Operations Coordinating Board or terminated as the facts warrant. The unobligated balances of funds for FY 1954 already advanced for the support of the Psychological Strategy Board and administered by the Department of State are made available to the Operations Coordinating Board upon the abolition of the Psychological Strategy Board.
- 7. This agreement will be governed, where applicable, by Section 214, Public Law 49, 79th Congress, 1st Session, approved May 3, 1945 (59 Stat. 106), and Section 601 of the Economy Act of

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June 30, 1932 (31 USC 686), and shall remain in force until 30 June 1954 unless amended by the parties hereto, and shall remain in effect after that date provided funds are appropriated for that purpose unless rescinded by the parties hereto.

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Noted:

s/C D. Jackson
Acting Executive Officer,
Operations Coordinating Board